

Congressman Steve King, the highest ranking Republican on the House Immigration Subcommittee, today made the following statement regarding May Day rallies planned in various parts of the United States.

“Today, amnesty activists across the country will go to the streets to protest the Rule of Law. These activists will press President Obama and Congress to grant amnesty to 12-20 million illegal aliens, halt immigration raids, eliminate deportations, suspend border fence construction and stop enforcing American immigration laws.

“Some protesters are holding a ‘know your rights’ rally. This should be the day Americans demand their rights of citizenship and demand the Administration enforces the law. Ninety percent of the illegal drugs abused in America comes across our southern border. At least one link in every drug smuggling chain in our country is an illegal alien. Americans are dying every day at the hands of illegals – all of which is preventable if we just enforce existing law. Border violence has long ago spilled over into the U.S.

“Some Members of Congress are calling for the immediate closing of the border with Mexico to prevent the flu virus from spreading. Ironically, if we did that, the only traffic between Mexico and the United States would be illegal drugs and illegal people, about 11,000 a night – every night.

“Enforcing our immigration laws would also solve about 70% of the unemployment problem in America. American workers need this Administration to protect their jobs from illegal workers, and the American people want a secure border, immigration enforcement and no amnesty for law breakers.”